

REMARKS

1. Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required a restriction between the claims of Group I (claims 1-13), Group II (claims 14 and 15), and Group III (claims 16-28). In response thereto, Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, namely claims 1-13.

2. Election of Species

The Examiner has required the Applicants to elect a species from Species A, B and C as identified in the middle of page 5 of the Office Action. In response thereto, Applicants elect to initiate prosecution with species represented by Species B. As recognized by the Examiner, claims 1-8 and 10-13 are generic to the invention so that they are readable on the elected species. Claim 9 is also readable on the elected species, so all of claims 1-13 are readable on the elected species. In addition, claims 29 and 30 have been added to the application as being specifically directed to the elected species.

As apparently recognized by the Examiner, this election of species is made only for the purposes for initiating prosecution. Once the elected species are found allowable, examination should proceed to the other aspects of Applicants' generic claims.

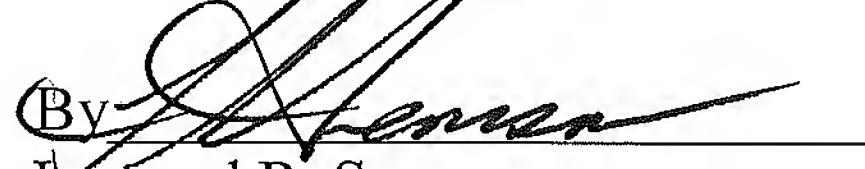
Favorable action and early allowance of all the claims are requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Leonard R. Svensson, Registration No. 36,623 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,


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